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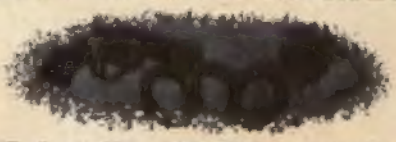

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TURNABOUT!

UNNN! MY CHEST...PAIN... CAN'T BREATHE! NNN!

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HE'S DEAD! DR. WALTERS IS DEAD! HE JUST KEELED OVER A SECOND AGO!

OH, MY GOSH... IT CAN'T BE... NOT DR. WALTERS!

THERE, THERE, MISS PRIMM, DR. WALTERS KNEW HE WAS STRAINING HIS HEART! THIS WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN!

OH, BUT HE WAS SUCH A GOOD MAN... SO UNDERSTANDING WHEN I MADE SILLY TYPING ERRORS ON HIS NOTES!

YES, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL... HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND! JUST TRY TO CALM YOURSELF ... PLEASE!

YES... I WILL! THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND, DR. JONES! WE'LL ALL MISS HIM... SO VERY MUCH!

SHE'S REALLY A SWEET CHILD! JUST LIKE MY MILLIE WAS, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO ... BEFORE AN AUTO ACCIDENT CLAIMED HER LIFE... ON OUR WEDDING DAY!

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HEY, POP, IF YOU'RE THROUGH EYEING THAT DOLL, WE COULD USE A HAND HERE! OTHERWISE, OLD MAN GRINCH'LL HAVE TO PUT US ON OVERTIME!

KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE, WILSON, THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES!

COLORIST - WHITE HAIR ON DR. JONES

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, DR. JONES IS SUMMONED TO THE MAIN OFFICE!

JONES, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, AND I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN IN THIS ORGANIZATION THAT CAN SOLVE IT!

ME, SIR? I MEAN, OF COURSE, MR. GRINCH! WHAT IS IT?

DR. WALTERS DEATH HAS LEFT US IN A QUANDARY! HE WAS WORKING ON A CHEMICAL FORMULA THAT WAS TO HAVE BENEFITED ALL OF MANKIND, AND OF COURSE, MADE MILLIONAIRES OF THE MAJOR STOCKHOLDERS OF DYNAMO LABORATORIES!

YES, SIR... I SEE, SIR!

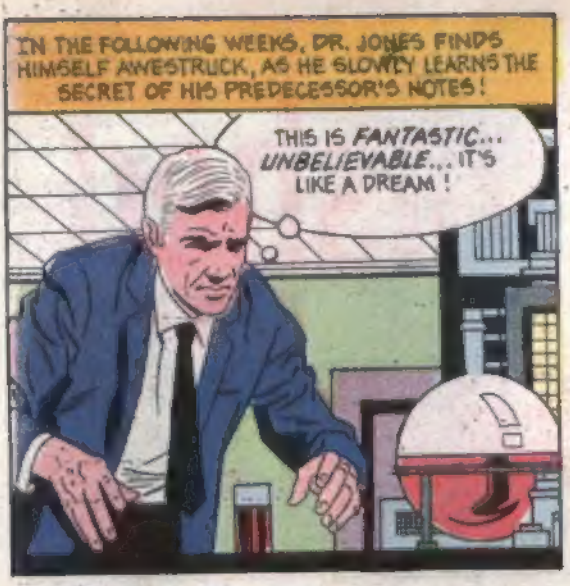
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, THAT DUE TO HIS SPECIAL CONTRACT, EVEN *WE* DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT FORMULA IS ALL ABOUT! I'VE CHECKED INTO YOUR BACKGROUND, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN WHO IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE SENSE OF HIS NOTES! WILL YOU DO IT?

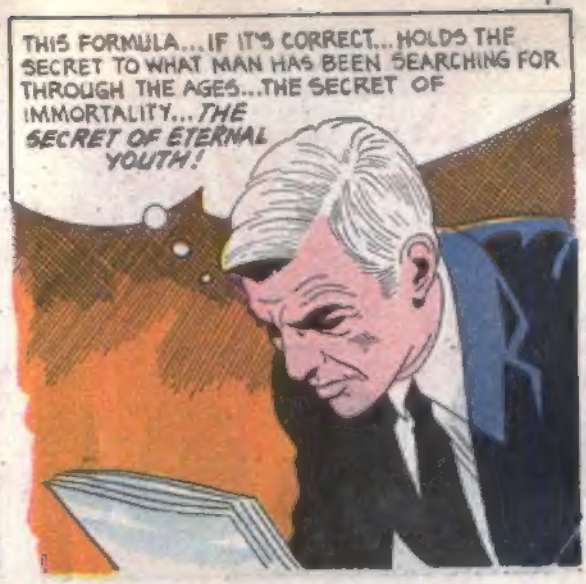
OF COURSE, MR. GRINCH, OF COURSE!

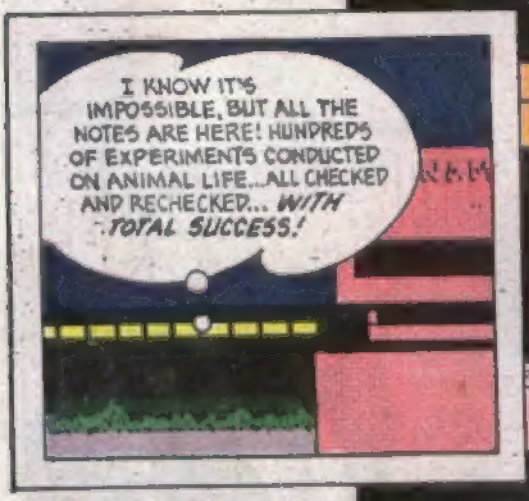
NATURALLY, IF YOU SUCCEED, THERE *MAY* BE A *SMALL* BONUS IN IT FOR YOU! TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU NEED... BUT COME UP WITH SOME ANSWERS... FOR THE SAKE OF MANKIND!

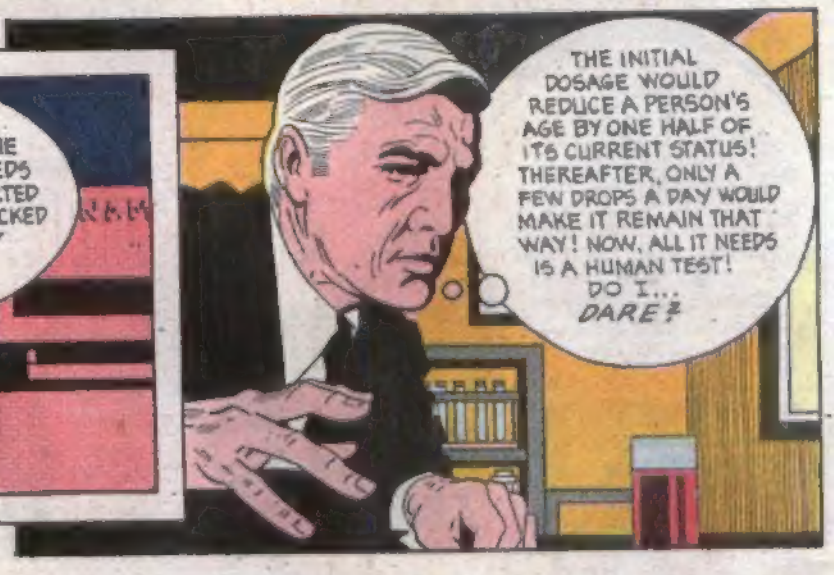
UPON LEAVING THE OFFICE, DR. JONES IS NOT SO ELATED AS HE WOULD HAVE HIS BOSS THINK!

MANKIND INDEED! MONEY IS ALL HE CARES ABOUT... BUT I *WILL* UNSCRAMBLE THOSE NOTES... FOR DR. WALTERS' SAKE!









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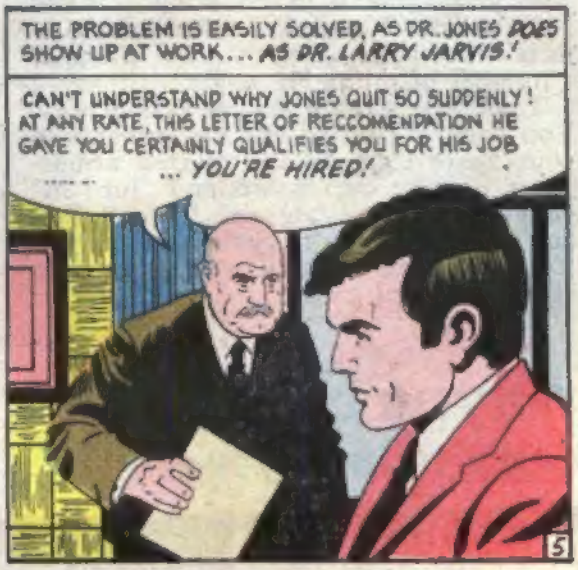
FOR DR. JONES THERE IS DARKNESS, THEN A MYRIAD OF SWIRLING HUES, AS THE SOFT FIBERS OF AGE TURN INTO VIBRANT SINEWS, AND AN OLD MAN KNOWS THE *VITALITY OF YOUTH ONCE AGAIN!*



WITH EACH MINUTE THAT PASSES, THE MILD MANNERED PERSONALITY OF OLD DR. JONES, SLIPS FARTHER AWAY FROM THE NEW, YOUTHFUL FLESH!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! I'VE GOT A JOB, A NEW NAME, A LIFETIME OF SAVINGS, AND THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT OF ALL... *YOUTH!*

C'MON, DOLL, DON'T GIVE ME THOSE BABY BLUES! I SUPPOSE TYPING UP LAB REPORTS IS MORE FUN THAN A SWINGING NIGHT ON THE TOWN WITH ME!

PLEASE, MR. WILSON, LEAVE ME ALONE! I HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK TO DO!

DON'T GET HUFFY WITH ME, DOLL! I CAN MAKE THINGS ROUGH FOR YOU IN THIS ORGANIZATION! I HAVE A...*HUH, WHO ARE YOU?*

JUST A FRIEND, *FRIEND!* WHY NOT TAKE THE LADY'S ADVICE, AND LEAVE?

WELL, NOW, IF IT ISN'T A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR COMING TO RESCUE THE FAIR MAIDEN! I HOPE YOU BROUGHT YOUR SWORD, SIR GALAHAD, 'CAUSE YOU'RE CERTAINLY GOING TO NEED IT!

I DIDN'T THINK OF THIS IN EXACTLY THOSE TERMS, BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE MENTIONED IT... *IT'LL DO!*

HE WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN, MISS! I'M LARRY JARVIS, I'LL BE TAKING OVER FOR DR. JONES! HE JUST QUIT... SUDDENLY!

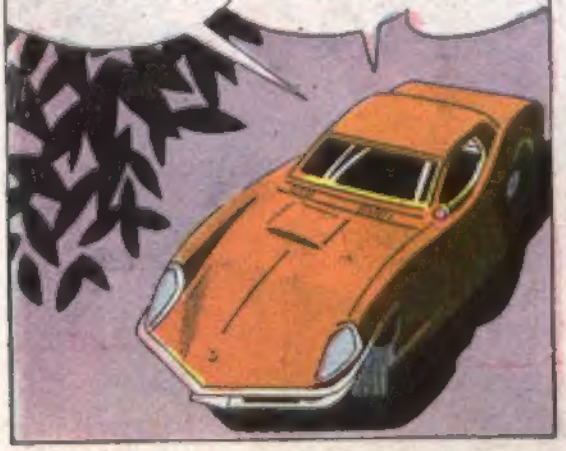
I'M EMMA PRIMM! AREN'T YOU KIND OF YOUNG TO BE PUT IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT JOB?

NOT REALLY! I STUDIED UNDER DR. JONES WHEN HE TAUGHT AT THE MED UNIVERSITY! I CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT... PERHAPS OVER DINNER TONIGHT?

DINNER IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, AND OLD DR. JONES IS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN, AS THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW BECOME A WHIRLWIND OF THEATERS, NIGHT CLUBS, AND A CONSTANT TOGETHERNESS!

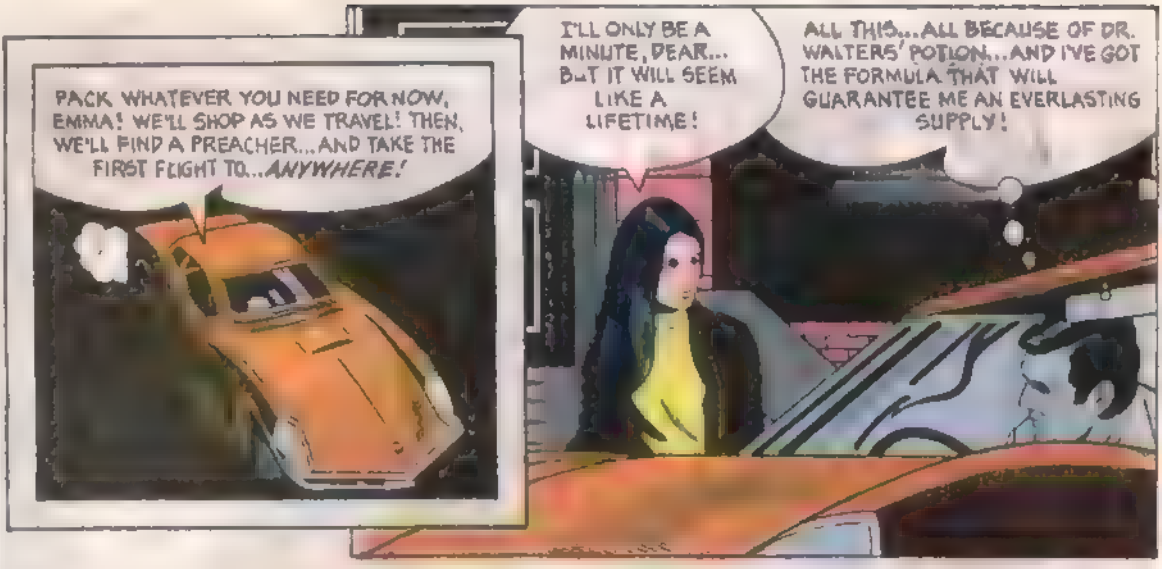
YOU MUST KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU, EMMA! MARRY ME NOW... *TONIGHT!*

I LOVE YOU TOO, LARRY... BUT THIS IS ALL SO SUDDEN! WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OUR JOBS... OUR FUTURE!

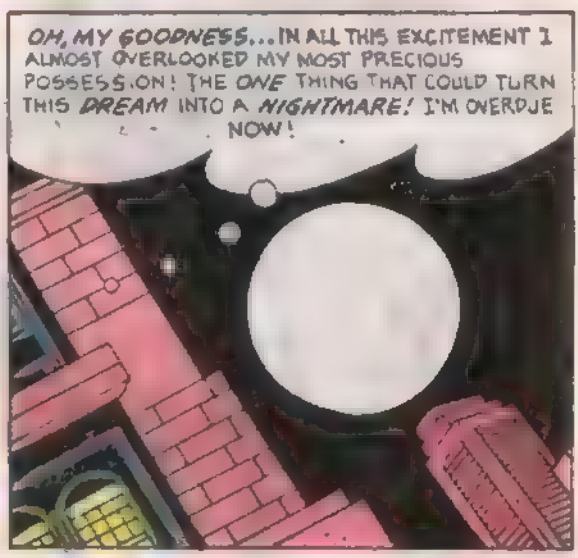


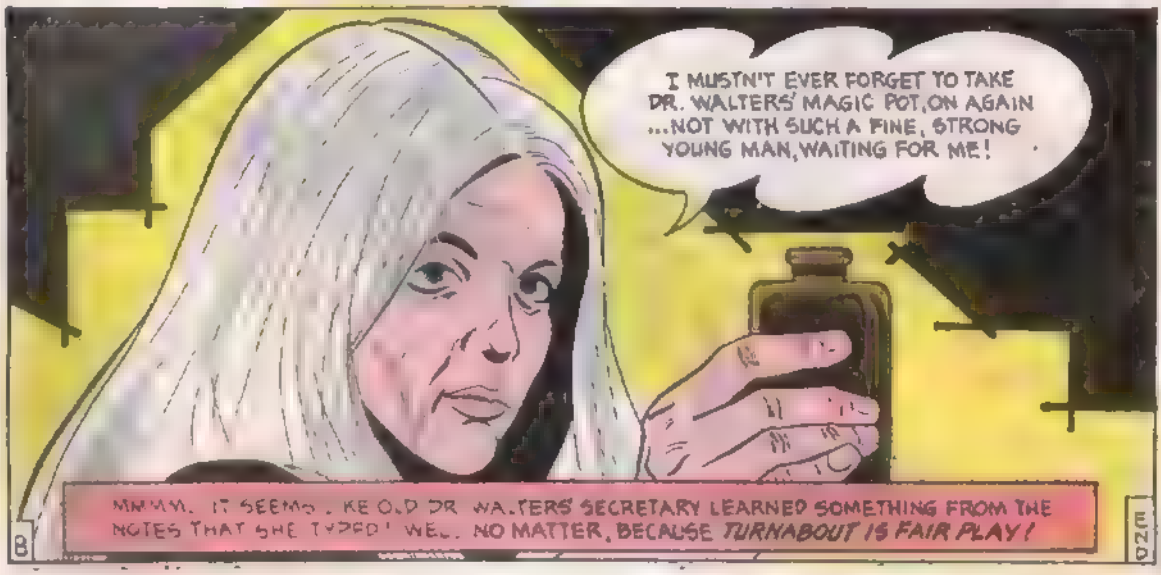
I'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO LAST A LIFETIME! WE CAN TRAVEL... DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE! ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT WE LOVE EACH OTHER! SAY YES, MY DARLING!

I... I... OH, YES! *YES! YES! YES!*


PACK WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR NOW, EMMA! WE'LL SHOP AS WE TRAVEL! THEN, WE'LL FIND A PREACHER...AND TAKE THE FIRST FLIGHT TO...*ANYWHERE!*
I'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE, DEAR... BUT IT WILL SEEM LIKE A LIFETIME!
ALL THIS...ALL BECAUSE OF DR. WALTERS' POTION...AND I'VE GOT THE FORMULA THAT WILL GUARANTEE ME AN EVERLASTING SUPPLY!

GOT TO HURRY.. TAKE ONLY THE ESSENTIALS! THERE, JUST ABOUT PACKED! DRESSES, JEWELRY, SHOES ...ENOUGH FOR RIGHT NOW!


OH, MY GOODNESS...IN ALL THIS EXCITEMENT I ALMOST OVERLOOKED MY MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION! THE *ONE* THING THAT COULD TURN THIS *DREAM* INTO A *NIGHTMARE!* I'M OVERDUE NOW!


I MUSTN'T EVER FORGET TO TAKE DR. WALTERS' MAGIC POTION AGAIN ...NOT WITH SUCH A FINE, STRONG YOUNG MAN, WAITING FOR ME!
MMMM. IT SEEMS LIKE OLD DR. WALTERS' SECRETARY LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THE NOTES THAT SHE TYPED! WELL, NO MATTER, BECAUSE *TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY!*

FACES IN THE FOG

AAAAGHH!

I'LL TAKE THOSE ...-GOTTEN GAINS, GINGER.

WATCH YOUR STEP, CHAPS ...THIS IS A REAL PEA-SOUPER, AS THEY SAY HERE IN LONDON WHEN THE FOG ROLLS IN OFF THE THAMES... AND STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN IN THE DEADLY MIST... DEATH MAY WALK NEAR YOU IN THE NIGHT... AS IT DID FOR ONE, GINGER LACHLAN, WHO WAS NO BETTER THAN HE SHOULD BE... BUT HE DIDN'T DESERVE THE DEATH THAT LAY LURKING IN THE FOG!

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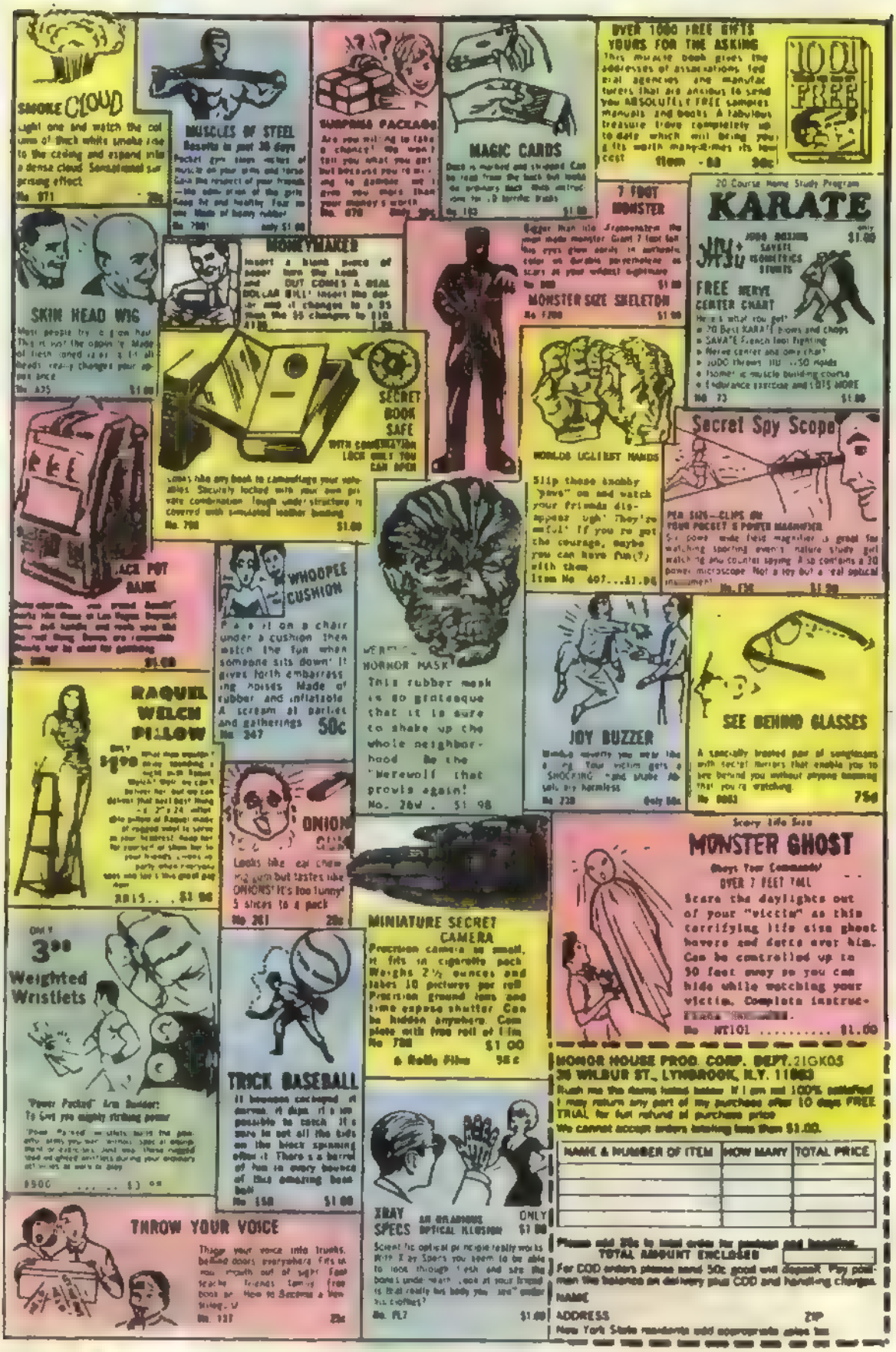
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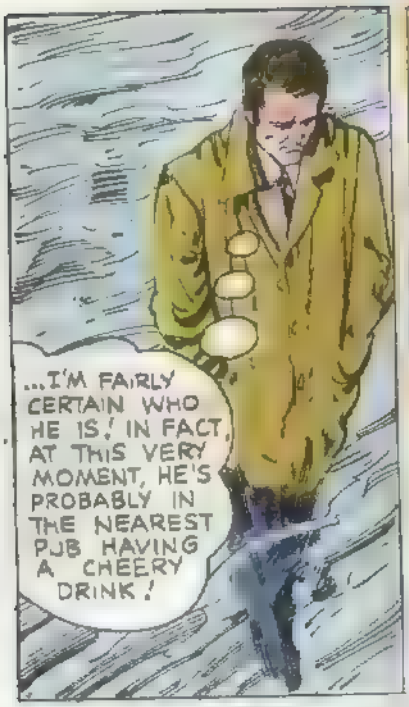
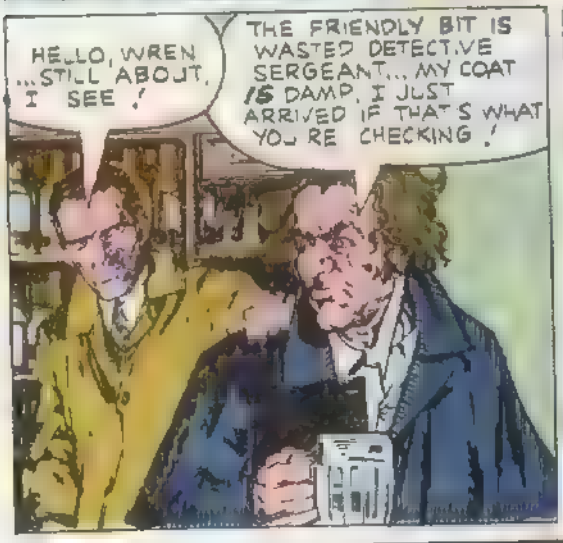
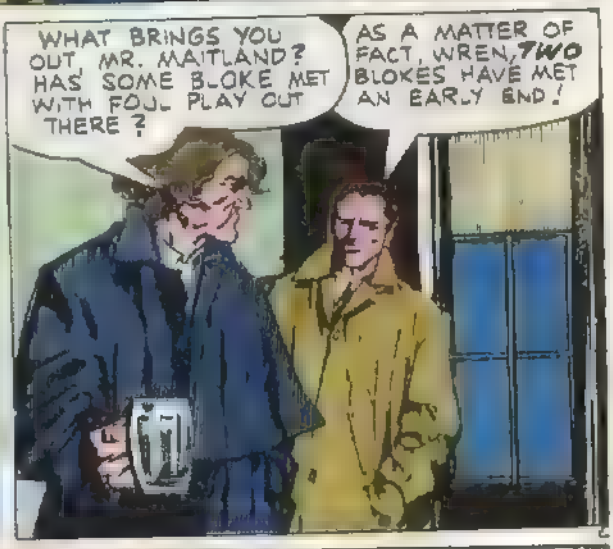
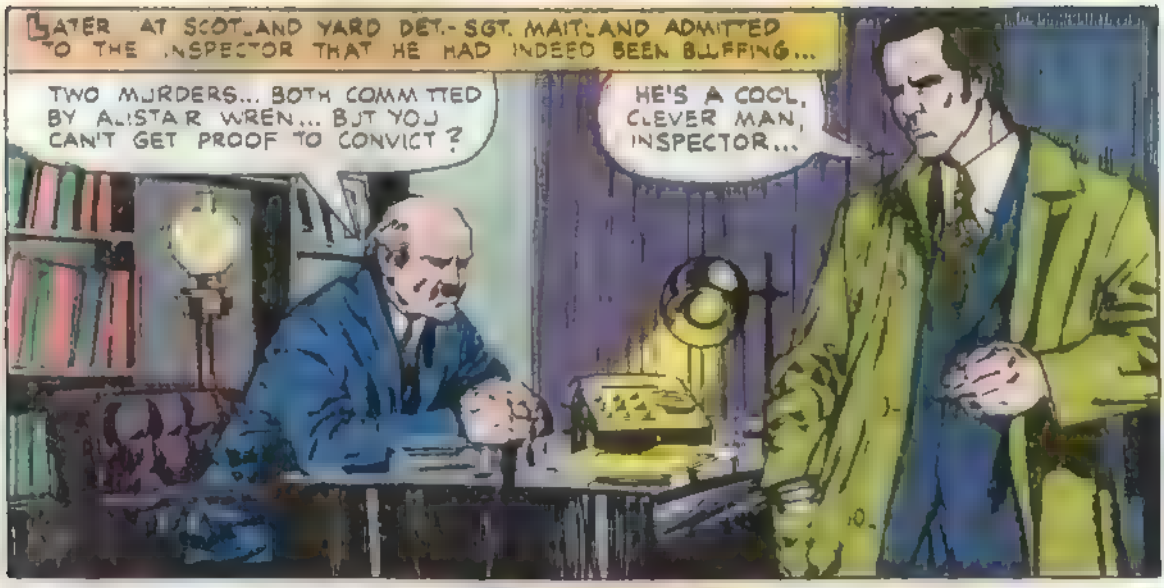

...I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN WHO HE IS! IN FACT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, HE'S PROBABLY IN THE NEAREST PUB HAVING A CHEERY DRINK!

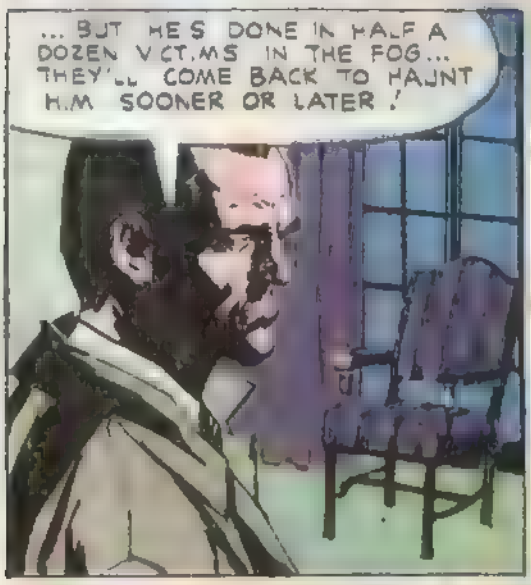
DET. SGT MAITLAND KNEW WHERE THE NEAREST PUB WAS... AND A MOMENT LATER LET HIMSELF IN OUT OF THE FOG!
ALISTAIR WREN... HE'S HERE... JUST AS I EXPECTED!

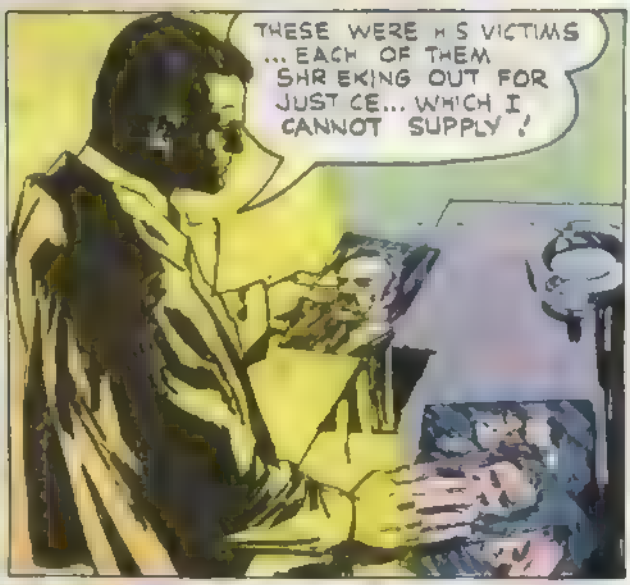

HELLO, WREN ...STILL ABOUT, I SEE!
THE FRIENDLY BIT IS WASTED DETECTIVE SERGEANT... MY COAT IS DAMP. I JUST ARRIVED IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE CHECKING!


WHAT BRINGS YOU OUT, MR. MAITLAND? HAS SOME BLOKE MET WITH FOUL PLAY OUT THERE?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, WREN, TWO BLOKES HAVE MET AN EARLY END!

THE THING IS, WREN, I KNOW WHO DID IT... AND I'LL SOON HAVE PROOF!
YOU'RE BLUFFING, DETECTIVE SERGEANT... IF YOU WEREN'T, YOU WOULDN'T BE TELLING ME ALL THIS!

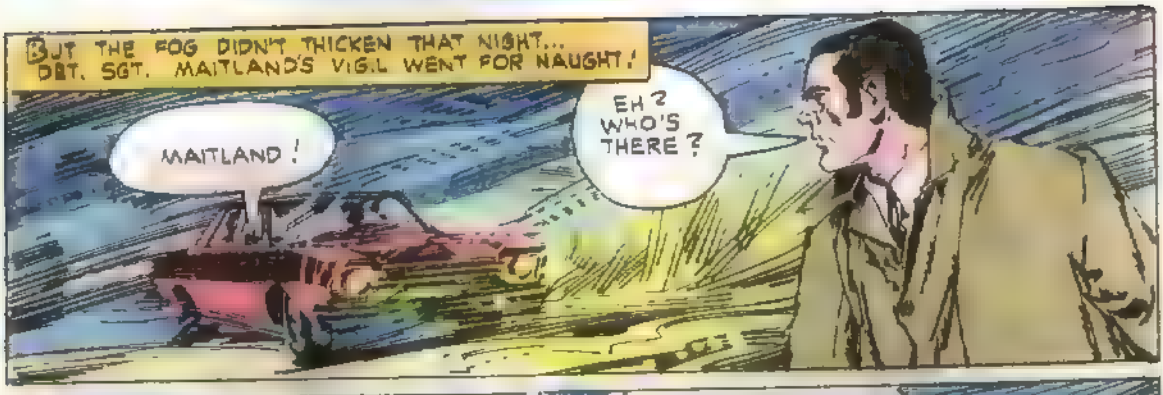

LATER AT SCOTLAND YARD DET.-SGT. MAITLAND ADMITTED TO THE INSPECTOR THAT HE HAD INDEED BEEN BLUFFING...
TWO MURDERS... BOTH COMMITTED BY ALISTAIR WREN... BUT YOU CAN'T GET PROOF TO CONVICT?
HE'S A COOL, CLEVER MAN, INSPECTOR...


... BUT HE'S DONE IN HALF A DOZEN VICTIMS IN THE FOG... THEY'LL COME BACK TO HAUNT HIM SOONER OR LATER!


THESE WERE HIS VICTIMS ... EACH OF THEM SHRIEKING OUT FOR JUSTICE... WHICH I CANNOT SUPPLY!

WHEN MORNING CAME, THE FOG LIFTED... DET. SGT. MAITLAND WENT WITHOUT SLEEP, SEARCHING FOR SOME FACTS TO TIE ALISTAIR WREN TO THE GRISLY CRIMES!
THE FOG WILL COME IN TONIGHT... AND THAT FIEND WILL PROWL!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR WREN AFTER THE CRIME... THAT'S THE WRONG APPROACH!

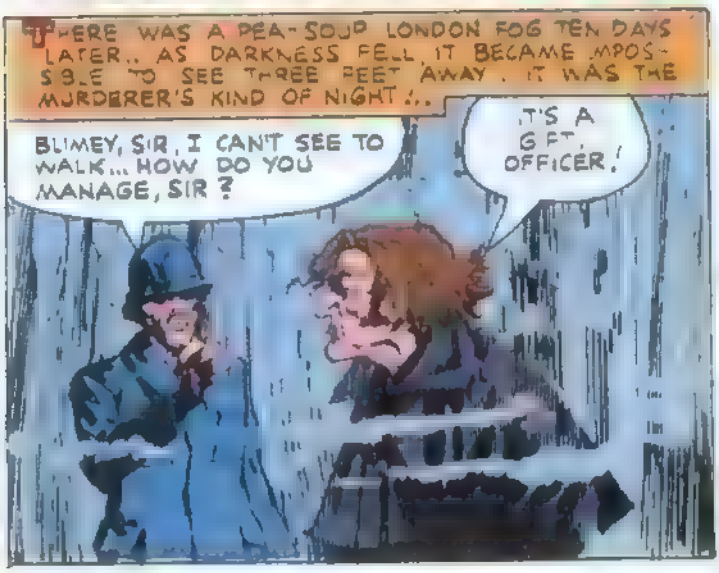


A FEW DAYS LATER, DET.-SGT. MAITLAND HAD COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF THE VARIOUS VICTIMS OF ALISTAIR WREN... ARMED WITH THESE, HE WENT TO A THEATRICAL SPECIALTY SHOP.

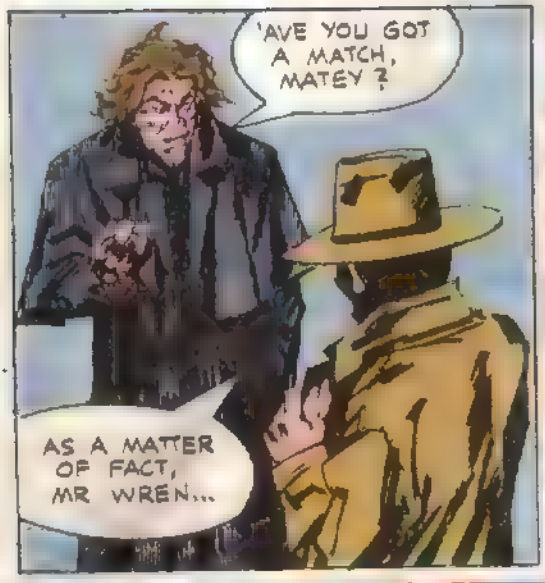
WHILE MATLAND WAS WAITING FOR THESE THINGS TO BE COMPLETED HE KEPT ALISTAIR WREN UNDER SURVEILLANCE...
SOME BLOKE IS ASKING TO BE BASHED.

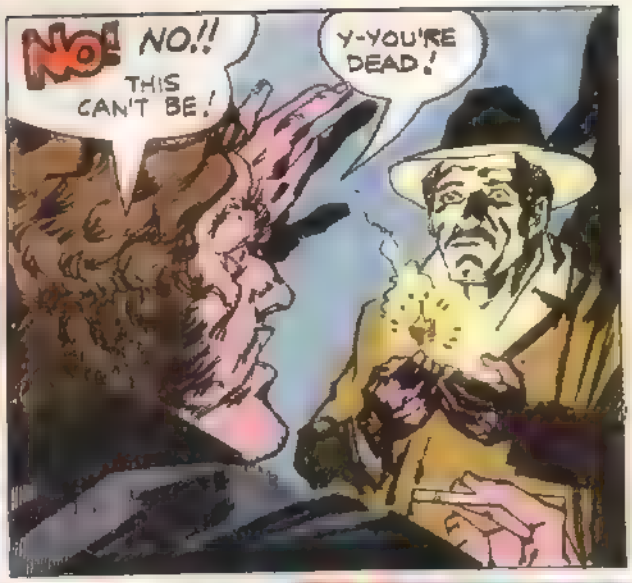
I KNOW YOU'RE FOLLOWIN ME, MATEY... AND YOU'LL GET WHAT YER ARSKIN' FOR IF YOU DON'T KEEP AWAY!

MATLAND STAYED NEAR FOR THREE NIGHTS... WREN'S NERVES WERE CRACKING.. HE EVEN BEGAN HEARING NOISES IN HIS FLAT AT NIGHT..
I HEARD SOMETHING THIS TIME!
WHO'S THERE?


THERE WAS A PEA-SOUP LONDON FOG TEN DAYS LATER.. AS DARKNESS FELL, IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE THREE FEET AWAY. IT WAS THE MURDERER'S KIND OF NIGHT...
BLIMEY, SIR, I CAN'T SEE TO WALK... HOW DO YOU MANAGE, SIR?
IT'S A GET, OFFICER!

'ERE'S A CHAP... FOLLOWING ME... PERHAPS IT'S THE SAME BLOKE THAT'S BEEN AFTER ME ALL THESE NIGHTS!

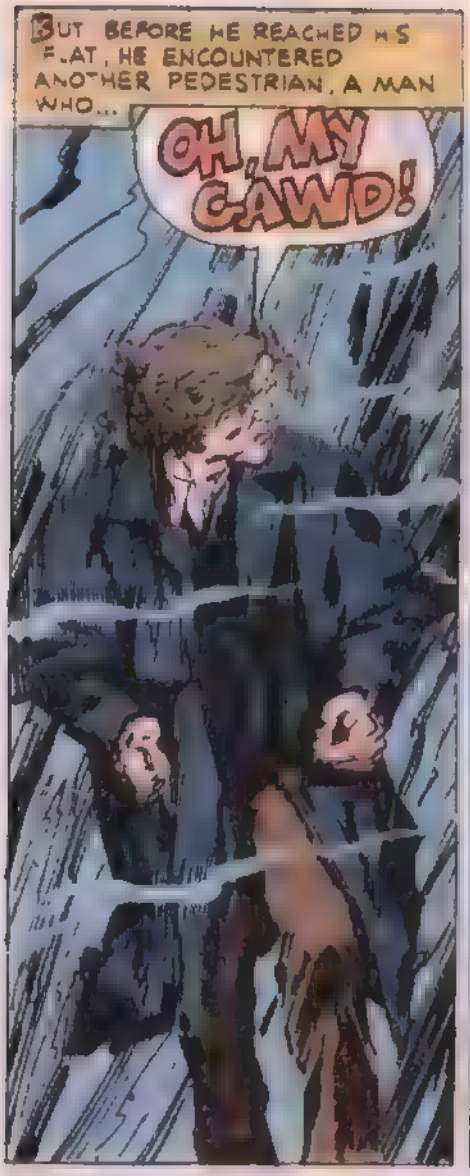

'AVE YOU GOT A MATCH, MATEY ?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, MR WREN...


No! NO!! THIS CAN'T BE!
Y-YOU'RE DEAD!

N-NO
NOOO
NO

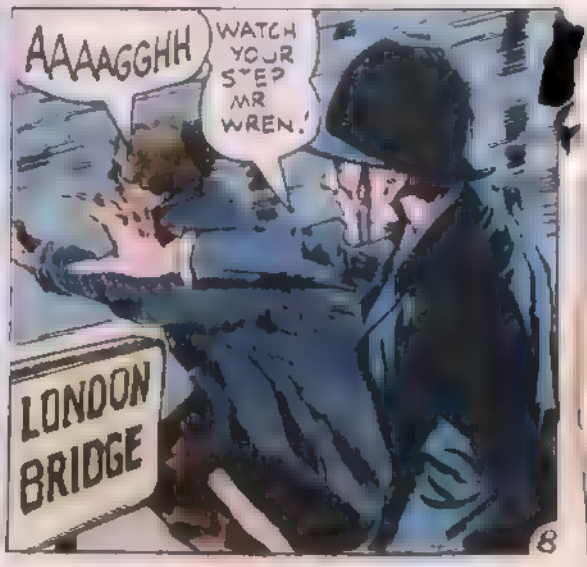
DID HE COME BY HERE, HOPKINS ?
THAT HE DID SIR... BASHED HIMSELF AGAINST A LAMP-POST, HE DID... BUT HE KEPT ON RUNNING !

ALISTAIR WREN WAS NO COOL, QUIET MAN NOW... HE'D SEEN A GHOST.. THE FACE OF ONE OF HIS VICTIMS LEERING IN THE FOG!
I... I'LL GO TO MY FLAT... MY N-NERVES ARE SHOT!

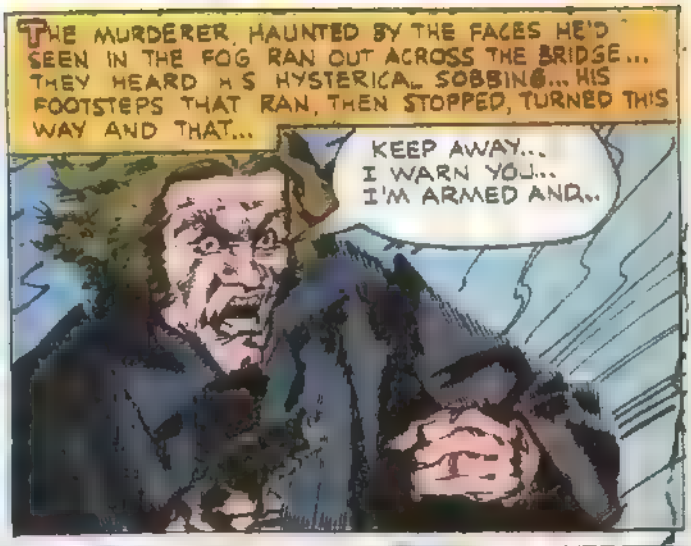

BUT BEFORE HE REACHED HIS FLAT, HE ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER PEDESTRIAN, A MAN WHO...
OH, MY GAWD!

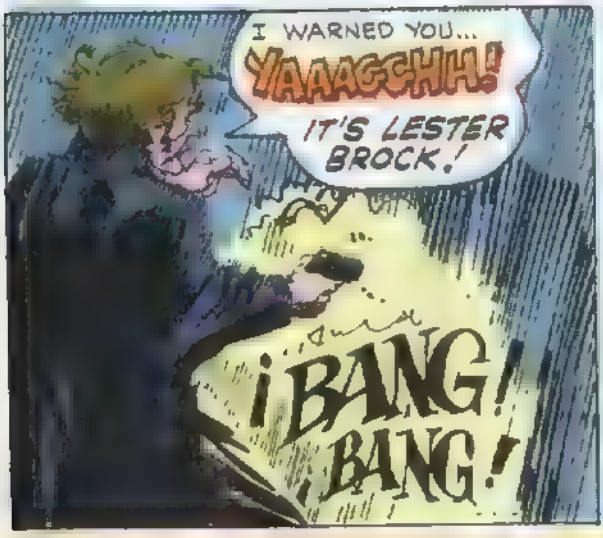
ARE YOU HURT, MR. WREN?

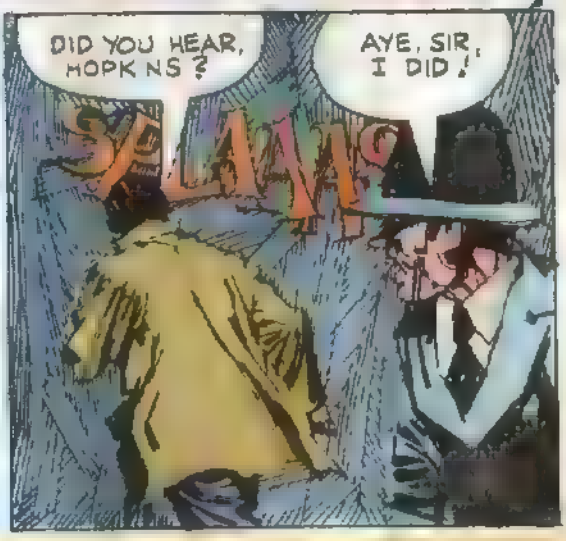
W-WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME? WHY DON'T YOU LET ME ALONE?


AAAAGGHH
WATCH YOUR STEP MR WREN!
LONDON BRIDGE

HE'S IN BAD SHAPE HOPKINS!
HE'S OUT THERE ON THE BRIDGE, DECTECTIVE SERGEANT... BUT WE 'AVE IT CORDONED OFF AT THE FAR END AS WELL AS ERE!


THE MURDERER, HAUNTED BY THE FACES HE'D SEEN IN THE FOG RAN OUT ACROSS THE BRIDGE... THEY HEARD HIS HYSTERICAL SOBBING... HIS FOOTSTEPS THAT RAN, THEN STOPPED, TURNED THIS WAY AND THAT...
KEEP AWAY... I WARN YOU... I'M ARMED AND..


I WARNED YOU...
YAAAGCHH!
IT'S LESTER BROCK!
¡BANG! BANG!


DID YOU HEAR, HOPKINS?
AYE, SIR, I DID!
SPLAAAG

THEY RETRIEVED THE MURDERER'S BODY TWO DAYS LATER... WHEN THE FOG WAS GONE... AND DET.-SGT. MAITLAND HAD GOTTEN RID OF THE THEATRICAL MASKS WHICH HE HAD EMPLOYED TO CREATE THE FACES IN THE FOG... TO BRING WREN TO JUSTICE!
THE LAST NAME WREN SAID, DETECTIVE-SERGEANT...
HE SAID THE NAME OF LESTER BROCK... WHOSE MURDER WE HAD NOT YET DISCOVERED... SO IT WAS NOT I WHO FRIGHTENED HIM TO HIS DEATH!
END

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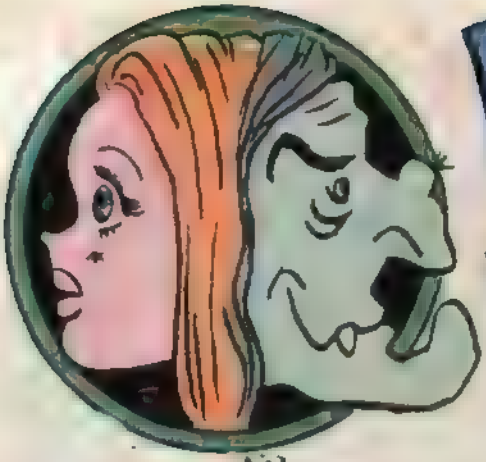


WHICH WITCH?

Act I.

It is a cloudy night without any stars in the sky. Scene is an opening in a forest. An old woman is facing a witch. This is the conversation:

"I hate Agnetha Barlow with all my heart. She has done me a great wrong. They say you are a true witch and can cast spells upon people."

"Those that say those words speaketh the truth. Do you wish that I cast spells upon this woman and her family so that she and they suffer?"

"That is what I want you to do. The sooner the better."

"This I shall do for you. When you have left I will invoke the aid of Satan. I know his secret name so that I can call upon him to assist me. The nature of the spells I can reveal to you now. The crops are ready for harvest. But they will wither on the ground. Her cows will give forth no more milk. Her children will all become sickly. And within a month her farm house will burn down. Are you satisfied with all of this?"

"Excellent, excellent. I could ask for no more. I hope her bones rot in the ground. What is your fee?"

"My fee is seven shillings three pence. Payable right now."

Act II.

Same background as in Act I. A different woman and a different witch are facing each other. This is the conversation:

"Sybil Anders is my best friend. She has been ill for some time in bed. Her husband is a weaver and out of work. There is little food in the house to feed her three hungry children. Her land yields no crop. And the chickens refuse to lay eggs. They say you are a true witch and can help people. Can you help me?"

"I see my reputation has spread throughout the countryside. Of course I can help you and thus help your friend. When you leave me I shall pray for assistance. She will become well again. Her husband will find a job. The ground will be fertile. The chickens will produce many eggs for her to sell. And there will be plenty of food on the table. Are you satisfied with all of this? If so, then pay me now. My standard fee for services of this kind is rather low. Only two shillings, one pence."

Now what is the basic difference between the two witches? It is evident one does evil and the other does good. The first one is known as a black witch. The second one is known as a white witch. Since we are now in England, it is important to get some facts straight. Witches were not burnt in England for being witches per se. In Scotland the law was different. There they did burn them. But you may at once protest: I know of cases where witches were actually burned in England. I reply and ask just what were the charges? Some it is true were burned but not for dipping into the Black Arts. The charge was using their "power" for unreasonable purposes and that was the charge which was punishable by death. When King James the Sixth of Scotland became King James the First of England, then you had a headache. This fellow had a terrible fear about witches. And they did pass a tough law against the practice of witchcraft.

Now let us jump right up to the present time. It is illegal to be a witch in England? This particular witch was involved in a theft. Seems she got a young fellow to steal an altar cross and candlesticks from a church. She pawned them and then got him to steal them from the pawnshop. He was arrested and sent away. She was given a suspended sentence. This is what the judge told her:

"I am told you are a white witch and I see no harm whatever in practicing as a witch provided you do not break the criminal law or encourage others of your coven to do so. It has been said you are a confidence trickster, but it may be that some people get comfort from the powers you claim. But churches are unprotected buildings broken into far too frequently. People who steal from churches must expect punishment. Look into your crystal ball and foresee what will happen to you if you break the law again. In case it is cloudy I will tell you. You will go to prison."

Wise words and a good decision from His Honor, Judge Lymberry. The witch in question did give an interview to the press. In which she said:

"This will not affect my activities as a witch. White witches aim to do good, not evil. . ."

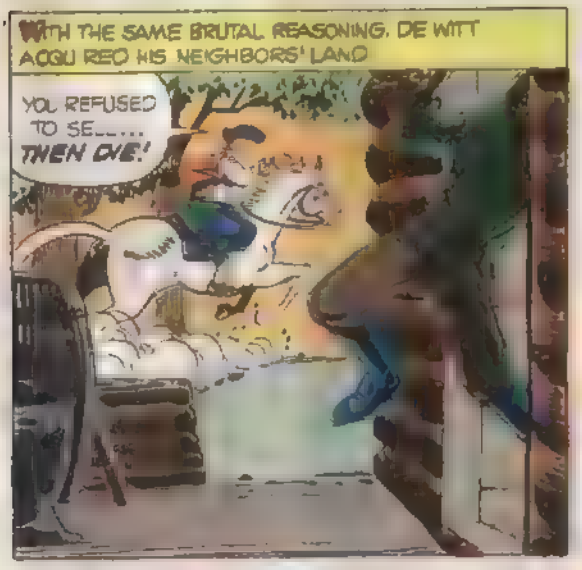
At the present time more and more people are becoming interested in witchcraft. It may be as a serious study. It may even be to participate in the rites. One of my friends with a peculiar sense of humor remarked, "I hope the modern witch doesn't use a broom as a flying machine. She should be up-dated."

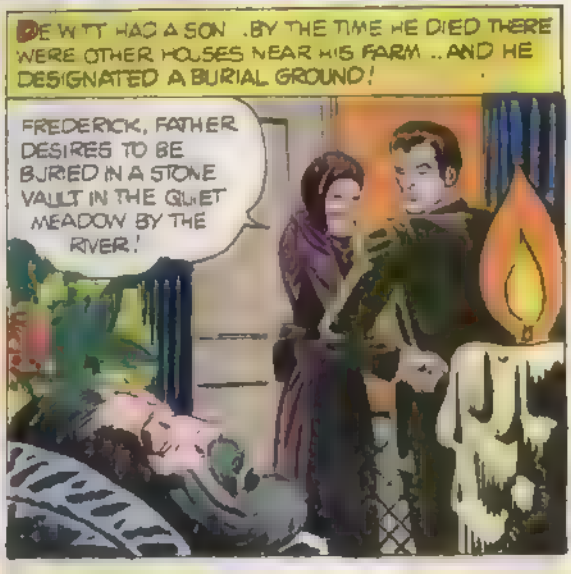
COME STAY WITH ME

TUSH TUSH MY FRIENDS...OFF WITH THOSE ARCHAIC FEARS OF THE UNKNOWN...THIS IS ONLY A BURIAL VAULT... A STONE CHAMBER IN WHICH THE MORTAL REMAINS OF THE DE WITT FAMILY HAVE BEEN STORED FOR THREE CENTURIES!

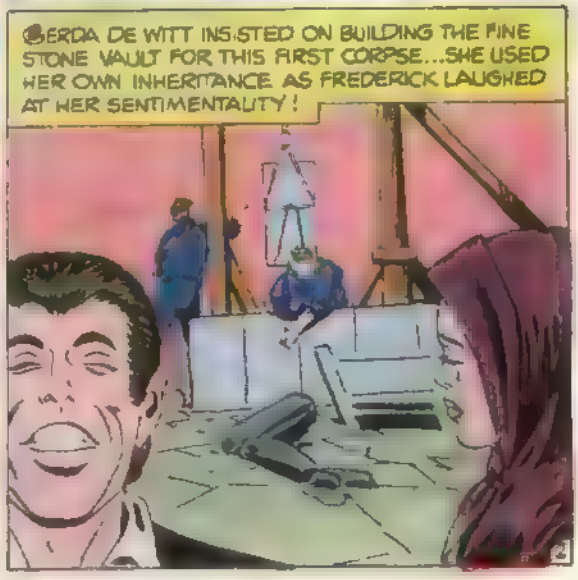
TRUE, THIS IS AN ANCIENT BURYING GROUND. THE GRAVES LIE WEED-GROWN AND NEGLECTED...NO VISITORS TREAD ON THE SAGGING GRAVES...AND THERE IS NO ONE TO HEAR THE STRANGE SOUNDS FROM THE DE WITT TOMB...***NONE BUT YOU AND I!***

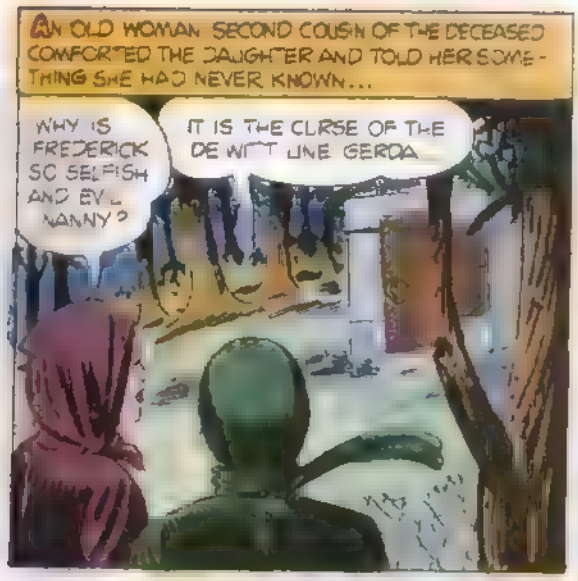
GUSTAVIUS JOHANN DE WITT CAME TO THIS QUIET NEW YORK STATE VALLEY IN 6#3 - A HARD, MERCILESS MAN WHO REPELLED INDIANS IN HIS OWN EFFICIENT MANNER!
THE PRIMITIVE FOOLS ARE COMING FORWARD TO ACCEPT MY SURRENDER... KILL THEM!


WITH THE SAME BRUTAL REASONING, DE WITT ACQUIRED HIS NEIGHBORS' LAND
YOU REFUSED TO SE..... THEN DIE!


DE WITT HAD A SON. BY THE TIME HE DIED THERE WERE OTHER HOUSES NEAR HIS FARM ..AND HE DESIGNATED A BURIAL GROUND!
FREDERICK, FATHER DESIRES TO BE BURIED IN A STONE VAULT IN THE QUIET MEADOW BY THE RIVER!

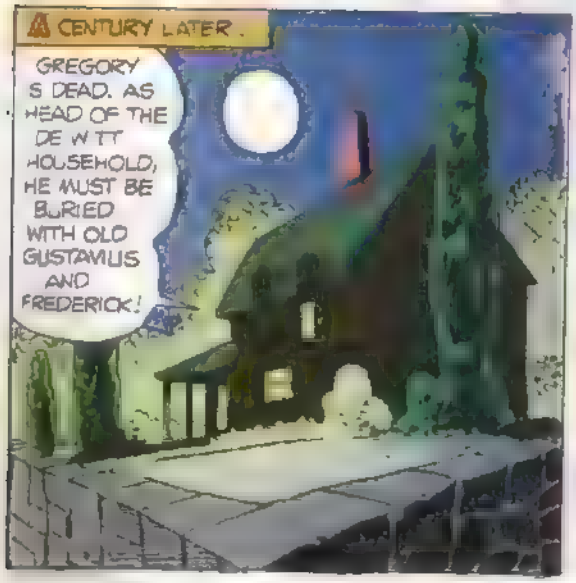
THAT'S RICH LAND SISTER. WE'LL BURY THE OLD MAN IN THE ROCKY BRAMBLES ON THE HILL NOTHING GROWS THERE ANYHOW!

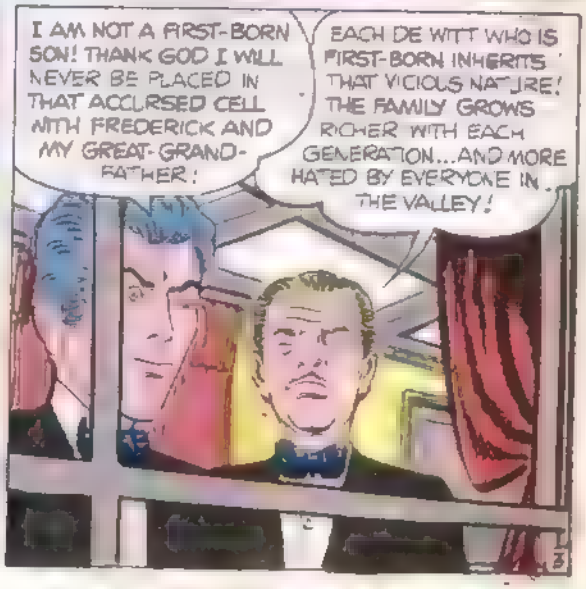

GERDA DE WITT INSISTED ON BUILDING THE FINE STONE VAULT FOR THIS FIRST CORPSE...SHE USED HER OWN INHERITANCE AS FREDERICK LAUGHED AT HER SENTIMENTALITY!


AN OLD WOMAN SECOND COUSIN OF THE DECEASED COMFORTED THE DAUGHTER AND TOLD HER SOMETHING SHE HAD NEVER KNOWN...
WHY IS FREDERICK SO SELFISH AND EVIL NANNY?
IT IS THE CURSE OF THE DE WITT LINE GERDA

THE FIRST-BORN SON INHERITS THE BLACK HEART AND CRUEL NATURE OF THE DE WITTS! THIS VAULT IS FIT FOR ONLY SUCH AS HE. LET ONLY FIRST BORN SONS BE PLACED IN THAT COLD TOMB.

OTHER DE WITTS WHO DIED WERE BURIED IN THE GLADE AROUND THAT VAULT AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY!
I CAME HERE AT NIGHT. AND I HEARD SOUNDS FROM THE VAULT. I MUST VE IMAGINED I HEARD FATHER'S VOICE SHOUTING AT US!

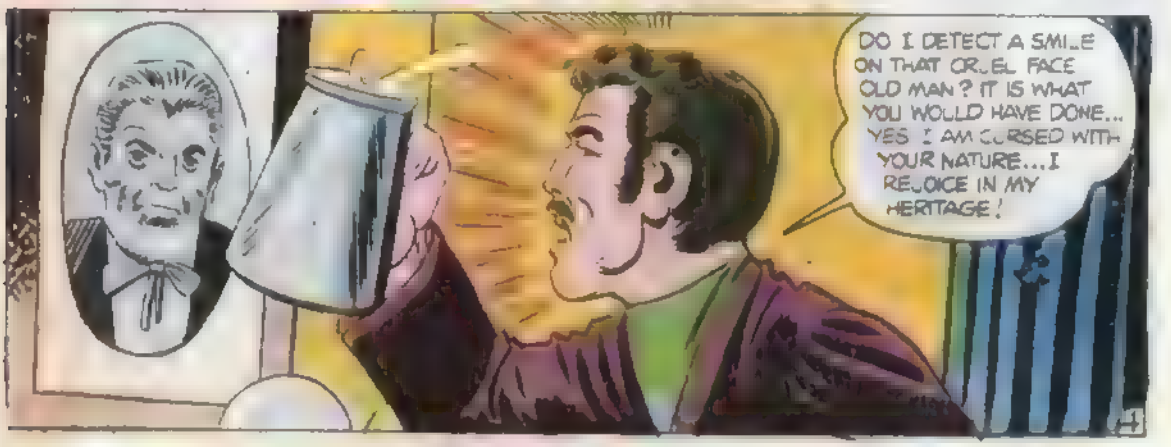

A CENTURY LATER.
GREGORY'S DEAD. AS HEAD OF THE DE WITT HOUSEHOLD, HE MUST BE BURIED WITH OLD GUSTAVIUS AND FREDERICK!

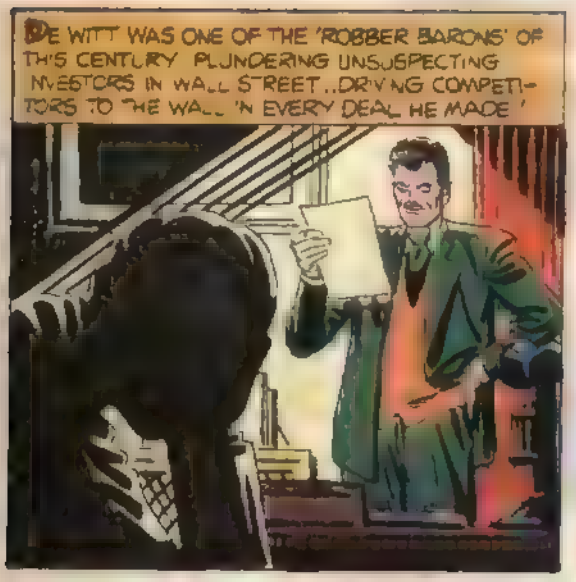

I AM NOT A FIRST-BORN SON! THANK GOD I WILL NEVER BE PLACED IN THAT ACCURSED CELL WITH FREDERICK AND MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER!
EACH DE WITT WHO IS FIRST-BORN INHERITS THAT VICIOUS NATURE! THE FAMILY GROWS RICHER WITH EACH GENERATION...AND MORE HATED BY EVERYONE IN THE VALLEY!

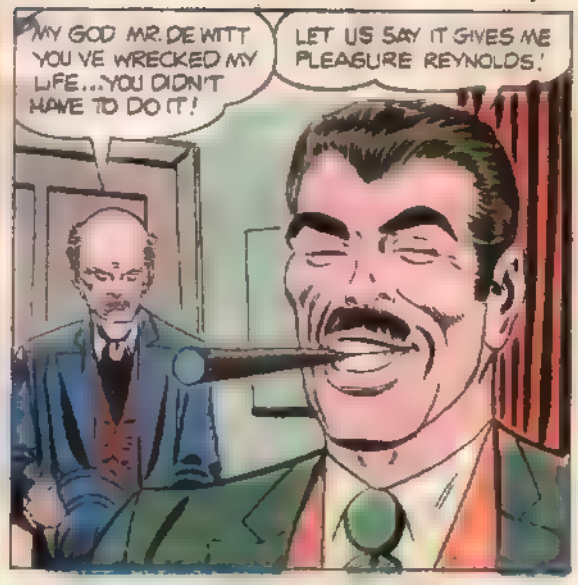
ACH DE WITT HER KNEW OF HIS HERITAGE N THEIR BLACK HEARTS, THEY WELCOMED THE CURSE THAT HAD BEEN LAID UPON THEM BEFORE BIRTH!
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE LIKE THIS FREDERICK . I AM GOING TO LEAVE HERE I'LL NEVER SPEND ANOTHER NIGHT UNDER THIS ROOF
YOU LEAVE WITH THE CLOTHES ON YOUR BACK, ON FOOT AND WITHOUT A DOLLAR TO YOUR NAME GET OUT!

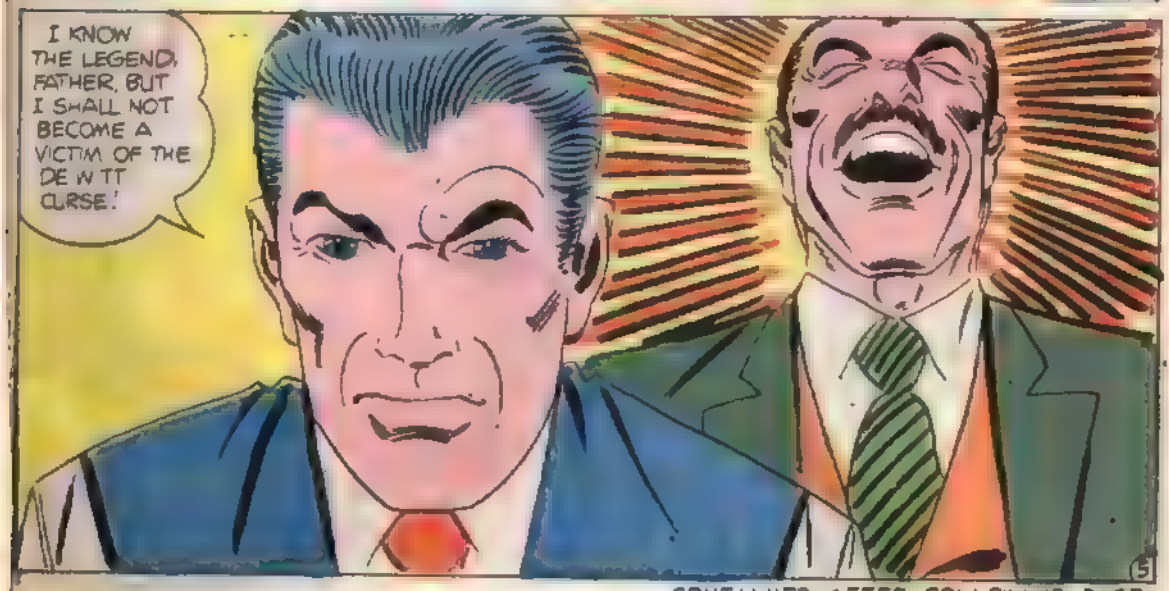
GO, WOMAN. NEVER RETURN

MRS DE WITT A FRAIL WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD OF EXPOSURE NEXT MORNING AND FREDERICK DE WITT SHED NOT A TEAR!
SHE LEFT ME CONSTABLE TAKE HER TO THE MORTUARY SEND THE BURIAL BILL TO HER FATHER'S HOUSE IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS NOW


DO I DETECT A SMILE ON THAT CRUEL FACE OLD MAN? IT IS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE DONE... YES I AM CURSED WITH YOUR NATURE... I REJOICE IN MY HERITAGE!







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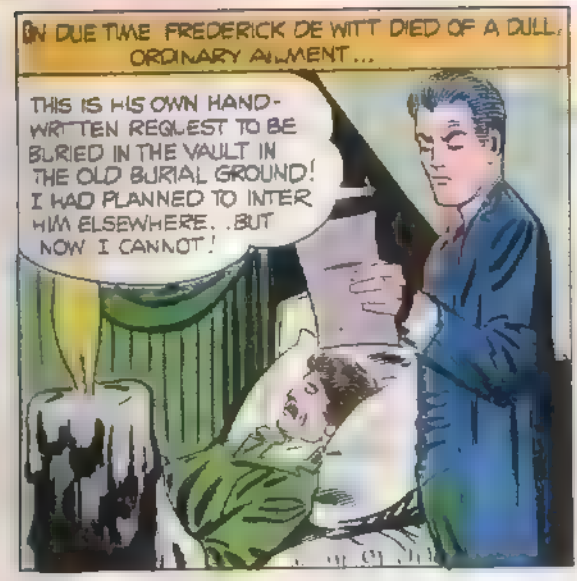
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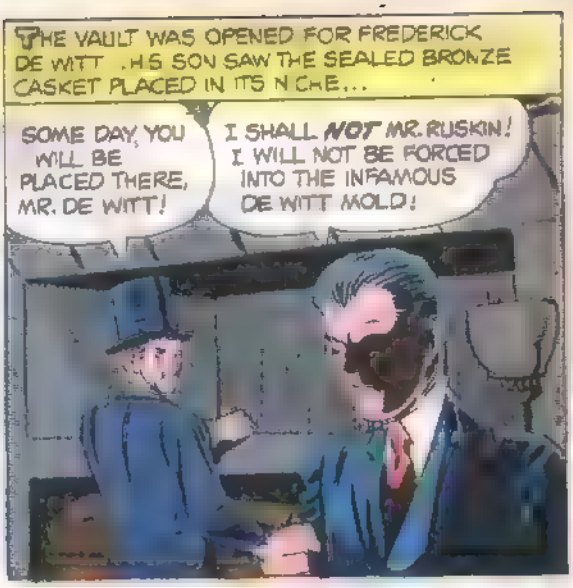
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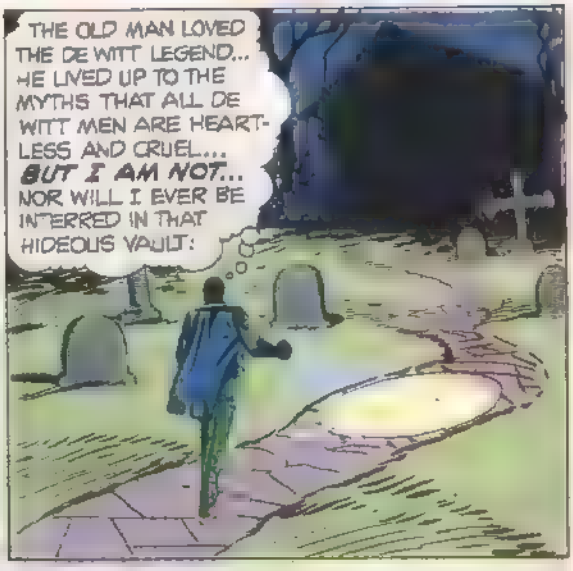
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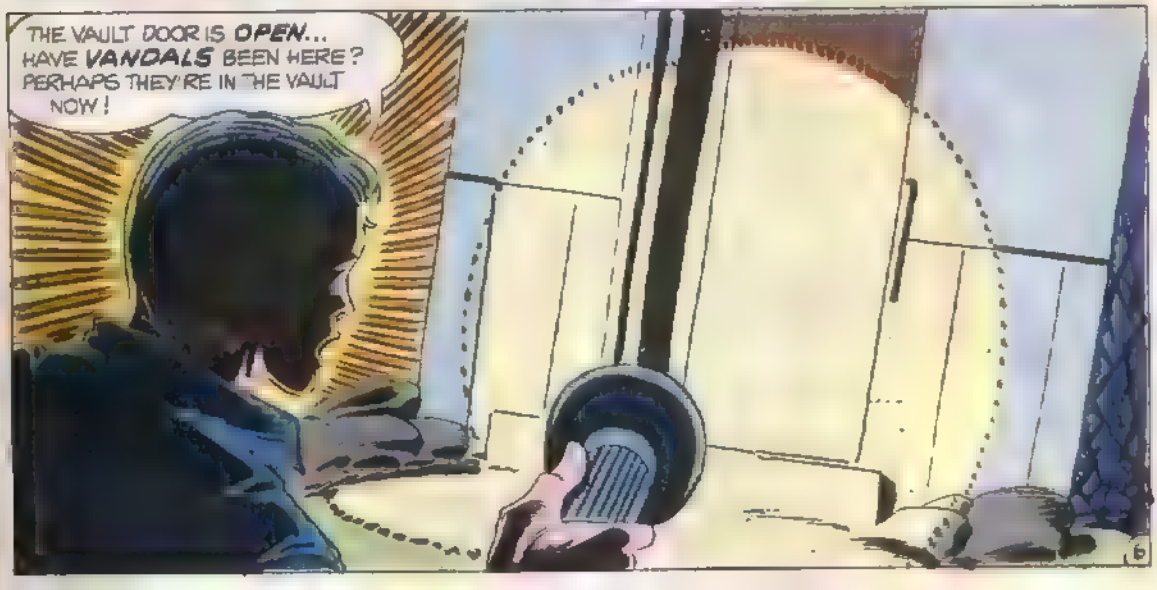
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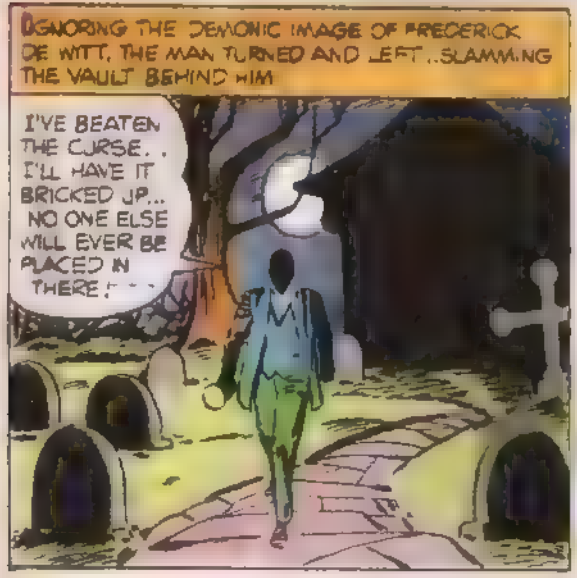
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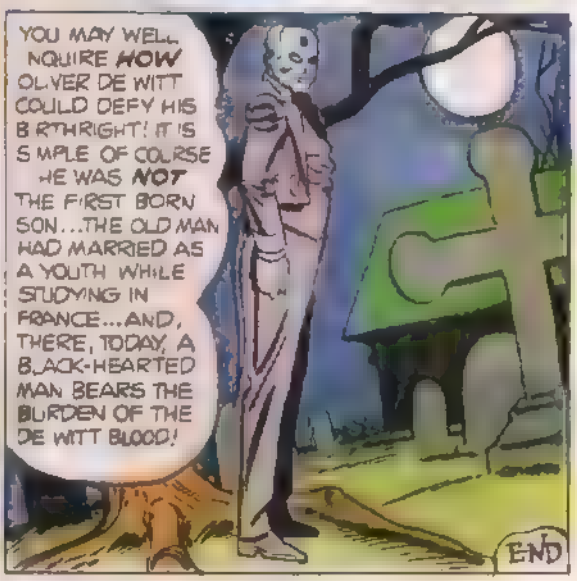
I'VE BEATEN THE CURSE.. I'LL HAVE IT BRICKED UP... NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER BE PLACED IN THERE!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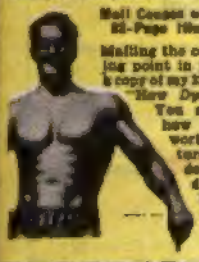

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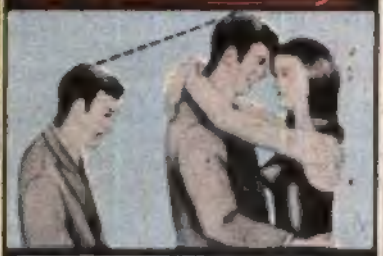

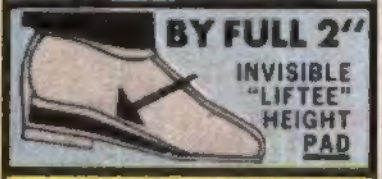

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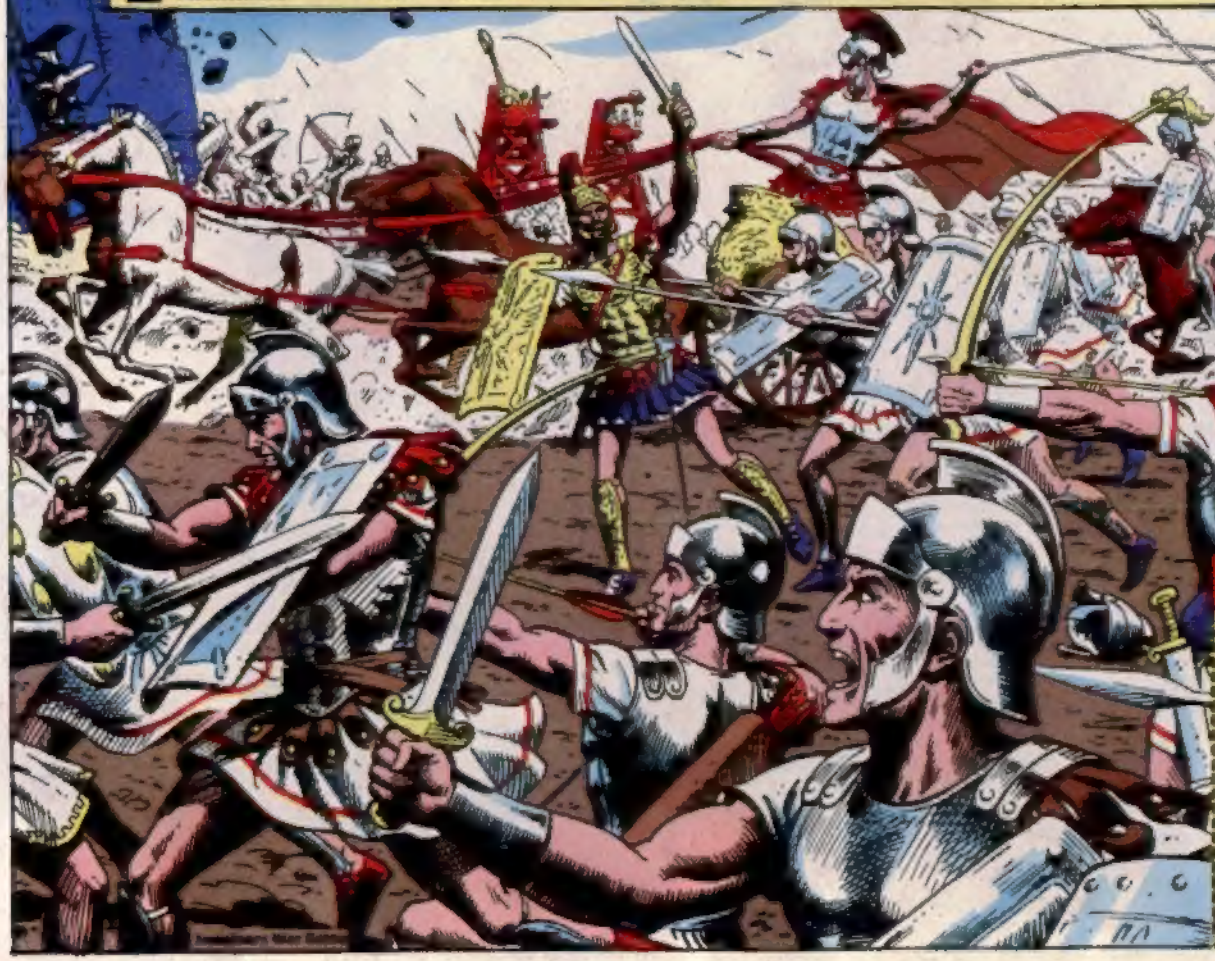

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